

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: H. HASEBE et al. Confirmation No.: 4982  
Serial No.: 10/664,978  
Filed: February 13, 2008  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
Group: 2814  
Examiner: W. Louie

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 13, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2008, the period for reply thereto being extended three months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire August 13, 2008, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** are on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.